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Freedom of Speech.
As a nation has just completed the festivities commemorative of its freedom, obtained by struggle and perseverance unparalleled, we are reminded of the equal right of individual freedom of thought and speech. Kansas is peopled by brave men and women who left the homes endeared to them by the sacred associations of childhood, the hearthstones around which have circled "The Old Folks at Home," the social ties and bonds of friendship, cemented by long years of fraternal union, to build their altars in this beautiful land, untrammelled by the bondage of custom, or the institution that recognizes property in our fellow man.—We came here to build a broad basis for freedom; to establish equal rights; to protect each other in the effort to maintain human freedom, which is the noblest, purest, and grandest conception of a manhood elevated above the petty prejudices, and narrow views that fetter the tone of thought. As citizens of a free country, and of a free Territory made such by the noble efforts of an enterprising band of freemen, cheered on in their almost superhuman exertions by the heroic, self-sacrificing conduct of their mothers, wives and sisters, to attain—what no more nor less than freedom—freedom to think, freedom to speak, freedom to untried the shackles that have bound us. As individuals, we would see our brother free.—What do we understand by being free?—For myself we can easily answer. We mean the right to think the inborn gushings of the soul within us; when we speak, to tell to our fellow man the thoughts that sway us, the motives that actuate us. How dear to every heart, whose soul is expanded by the genial influence of love to his kindred, are the rights of his brother; we need only to look within our own bosoms to answer, if we but allow the ennobling, elevating principles of freedom to govern us. Let, then, the citizens of Kansas, in an unbroken phalanx, come up as one man to maintain the principles of freedom for which we have so ardently labored, and show that we can tolerate the opinions of others in brotherly love. Let us not submit ourselves to a tyrannical government, or American slavery—the yielding up of the God-given right to think our own thoughts, to utter our own convictions. We will here, on this soil, consecrated by the blood of the noblest of our race, erect a standard of free thought, and unfurl from its highest pinnacle the flag of free speech, whose tongue, trumpet-tongued, shall echo and re-echo all over these broad prairies, till every soul shall catch the inspiration, and every heart awakened to new energies shall come to the rescue and aid in elevating principles, purifying morals, enlarging the sympathies, and cultivating the beautiful, till we are redeemed from all bondage.

One of Us.
Coming down street the other morning, we were paired by being stopped by a friend, and called to favor him with change for a hundred dollar bill. We were startled at first, but calling up our reading on medical jurisprudence, we concluded the man was insane, hence cast a hasty glance into his eye, when we observed it faltered, and turned away with that fiery, frenzied look peculiar to a wandering mind. True, his language was not incoherent, but the idea that an editor could have a hundred dollars during these tight times, is strong circumstantial evidence of a disordered brain, independent of the glare of the eye-ball, or broken sentences.

A hundred dollars! What could have led any man to have supposed it in our power to possess so great an amount of money? The man was absolutely mad, he had no knowledge of the stringency of the times around a Kansas printing office.

Resigned.
Judge Cato has resigned his office of District Judge of Kansas, and has removed to Kansas City, where he will open a law office and practice his profession. We strongly suspect that if the facts were known, the term of his commission expired within a few days of the time of his resignation, and as he had an intimation from Washington that he would not be re-appointed, he thought it better for his reputation that he should resign. Let it be so, if he chooses; for the reputation he has acquired in Kansas will gain him no renown by his resignation. Drunken in his habits, and without any redeeming qualities, his place on the bench of Kansas has only brought contempt upon the office he held. We hope Mr. Buchanan will fill his place with a good man, though we concede we have no reason to expect such a consummation of our wishes.

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